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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN THE FIELD OF THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Note by the secretariat

At the request of the Group of Experts on Explosives and of the Group of Rapporteurs, the secretariat has grouped together the resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council, except the resolutions which have ceased to be applicable, which are reproduced below.

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645 (XXIII). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission (eighth session)

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TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the statement of the Transport and Communications Commission that there is a large and increasing proportion of goods in international trade which have inherently dangerous properties, and the opinion of the Commission that the recommendations of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in the report on its second session 10/ and the recommendations of the Committee concerning the classification, listing and labelling of dangerous goods and shipping papers for such goods, 11/ form a basis for further work towards overcoming disharmony among regional and national regulations and codes of practice relating to the transport of dangerous goods by individual modes of transport, which at present hampers the development of this important trade,

1. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To set up a committee consisting of not more than nine qualified experts from countries interested in the international transport of dangerous goods:

(i) To revise as may be necessary and keep up to date the list of dangerous goods proposed by the Committee of Experts, taking into account existing practices in the field of transportation and the extent of their usage;

(ii) To allot to each substance a number for ready identification;

(iii) To study further the problem of packing;

(iv) To study related matters;

(v) To report progress to the Transport and Communications Commission;

(b) To invite Governments of countries interested in the international transport of dangerous goods to make available, at his request and at their own expense, experts to serve on the above committee;

10/ E/CN.2/165.

11/ Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/CN.2/170). United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.VIII.1.

(c) To arrange for a consultant to make a comparative study of the systems of regulations on packing on which the Secretary-General has already received information, so as to make it possible for the Committee of Experts to pursue the study on packing, as provided under (iii) above;

2. Urges the Governments, regional economic commissions and international organizations concerned to take note of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts and of any further recommendations by the committee referred to in paragraph 1 (c) above, and to keep the Secretary-General currently informed of the extent to which they can bring their own practices into general conformity with them;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the Director-General of the International Labour Office on the best means of avoiding any overlapping of the work of the above committee with any work being undertaken in this field by the International Labour Organisation.

968th plenary meeting,
26 April 1957.

724 (XXVIII). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission

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INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted with satisfaction the progress report of the new Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, resulting from its first session (Geneva, 9-26 March 1959), 10/ and the report of the Transport and Communications Commission thereon, 11/

1. Commends the experts for their valuable work;

2. Considers that the results achieved by the Committee of Experts deserve close attention and provide a suitable basis for practical solutions of the problems submitted to it;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts:

10/ E/CN.2/191 and Add.1.

11/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session. Supplement No.12 (E/3264), paras.18 and 19.

(a) To amend the recommendations of the former Committee of Experts (1956) 12/ by substituting the revised list 13/ for the list appearing in paragraph 45, and also as indicated by recommendations A, B, C, D, E and H in paragraph 49 of the progress report;

(b) To continue in existence the Committee of Experts set up as a result of its resolution 645 G (XXIII), of 26 April 1957, and to consider increasing its membership from eight to nine experts;

(c) To convene the next session of the Committee of Experts in the late summer of 1960, or at such other time as circumstances warrant, to continue the tasks assigned to it by Council resolution 645 G (XXIII) and as a first stage further explore the possibility of finding mutually acceptable performance tests for outer packages for certain classes or groups of dangerous substances, using the types of packages listed in paragraph 47 of the progress report;

(d) To set up and convene a group of three experts on explosives, who will meet during the next session of the Committee of Experts, for the purpose of listing and harmonizing the packing of explosives;

(e) To invite Governments of countries furnishing members of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, the members of the group of experts on explosives, bearing in mind that a member of the group of experts on explosives may also serve on the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods either as an expert or as an adviser;

(f) To circulate the text of the "Comparative Study of the Systems of Regulations on packing Dangerous Goods for Transport", 14/ as an aid in harmonizing packing requirements to the Economic Commission for Europe and to the Central Office for International Railway Transport (Berne) for the use, as appropriate, of their respective intergovernmental and expert bodies; to the Coast Guard of the United States of America for its use and for transmission to other administrations concerned with the transport of dangerous goods with which it has dealings; and to such other authorities and bodies as may be desirable;

(g) To inform the International Atomic Energy Agency of the desire of the Council that the Agency be entrusted with the drafting of recommendations on the transport of radio-active substances, provided that they are consistent with the framework and general principles of recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the United Nations, and that they are established in consultation with the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned;

12/ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.VIII.1.

13/ E/CN.2/191/Add.1.

14/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/R.5/Rev.1.

(h) To circulate in due course the revised recommendations, resulting from the amendments made to the 1956 recommendations as explained in sub-paragraph (a) above, to Governments and interested international organizations, with the request that they send to the Secretary-General any suggested changes, so that he may forward them to the members of the Committee of Experts and, in order to keep the new comprehensive list of dangerous goods up to date, convene a session of the Committee if and when a sufficient number of problems for fruitful discussion have accumulated;

(i) To report to the Council periodically on the progress in this matter;

4. Draws the Governments, regional economic commissions and international organizations concerned to take note of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts referred to in paragraph 3 (h) above, and to continue to keep the Secretary-General currently informed of the extent to which they can bring their own practices into general conformity with them.

1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.

971 (XXXIII). Progress reports of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Group of Experts on Explosives

1196th plenary meeting,
10 April 1962.

(Not reproduced)

994 (XXXVI). Progress reports of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Group of Experts on Explosives

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959 and 971 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962,

Noting with satisfaction the work and the reports of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its third session 1/ and of the Group of Experts on Explosives on its second session, 2/

1. Commends the experts for their valuable work;

2. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the reports of the experts;

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document E/3841, annex I.

2/ Ibid., annex II.

3. Decides that the name of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods is changed to "Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods";

4. Requests the Secretary-General in the light of the contents of the Committee of Experts' report:

(a) To amend the classification and list of principal dangerous goods in the recommendations of 1956 concerning the classification, listing and labelling of dangerous goods and shipping papers for such goods, 3/ in accordance with the recommendations of the experts;

(b) To issue a revised version of the recommendations of 1956, as amended to date, in accordance with the recommendations of the experts, and to circulate it to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations;

(c) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account, on the one hand, the programme of work recommended by the experts and, on the other hand, the calendar of conferences and availability of resources to service meetings;

5. Invites Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations to send to the Secretary-General such comments as they may deem necessary on the contents of the revised version of the recommendations of 1956, and to inform the Secretary-General of the extent to which the recommendations contained therein are, or will be, applied in national or international regulations, as the case may be; such comments and information should be sent to the Secretary-General if possible not later than six months after receipt of the revised version of the recommendations, and should include information on when proposed action is expected to take effect.

1306th plenary meeting,
16 December 1963.

3/ See Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.VIII.1), p.9.

1110 (XL). Transport of dangerous goods

1417th plenary meeting,
7 March 1966.

(Not reproduced)

1488 (XLVIII). Transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963 and 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966,

Noting with satisfaction the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, of the Group of Experts on Explosives and of the Group of Rapporteurs on the Packing of Dangerous Goods,

Noting the considerable progress achieved in harmonizing codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods and of the prominent part played by the Committee of Experts in respect of co-ordination in this field,

Noting that the work on the transport of explosives, on the one hand, and the work on the transport of dangerous goods, on the other, are closely interrelated and that the Group of Experts has, in fact, been functioning satisfactorily as a subsidiary body of the Committee of Experts,

Noting the desirability of further promoting the safe transport of dangerous liquids and gases carried in bulk in certain tanks,

Noting the programme of work for 1970-1971 proposed by the Committte of Experts, 57/

1. Commends the experts and rapporteurs on their valuable work;

2. Decides:

(a) That the Group of Experts on Explosives shall continue to function as a subsidiary body of the Committee of Experts and that the Committee may alter, as required, the composition of its subsidiary bodies;

(b) That the membership of the Committee of Experts may be raised to 10 should further Governments of Member States wish to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, experts to serve on the Committee;

(c) That the Committee of Experts shall study the questions concerning the construction, testing and use of tanks other than those permanently fixed to, or forming part of, the structure of sea-going vessels or inland waterway craft;

3. Requests the Secretary-General in the light of the contents of the reports of the Committee of Experts on its fifth 58/ and sixth 59/ sessions:

57/ See E/4783.

58/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/28.

59/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/41.

(a) To amend the recommendations of the Committee in accordance with the proposals contained in the reports of the Committee on its fifth and sixth sessions and to issue a revised version of the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods;

(b) To circulate the revised version of the recommendations to Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations;

(c) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account, on the one hand, the programme of work proposed by the Committee and, on the other, the calendar of conferences and availability of resources to service meetings;

4. Invites Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations to send to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the revised version of the recommendations and to inform him, if possible within six months following the receipt of the said revised version, of the extent to which the recommendations are, or will be, applied within the framework of national or international regulations, as the case may be;

5. Suggests that the Committee of Experts consider:

(a) In view of the appearance of new dangerous goods, enlarging the list of dangerous goods by including there new dangerous goods;

(b) Grouping dangerous goods within classes by the type and degree of the danger of their transportation, with due regard to the specific conditions of their transportation such as their compatibility;

(c) Giving each of the dangerous goods a numerical designation, which, in addition to the "dangerous goods" label would indicate the group of compatibility, which could be instrumental in the solution of the problems of the joint transportation of dangerous goods;

(d) Supplementing the enlarged list of dangerous goods with indications of the properties and the category of danger of such goods, the fire-fighting means, other safety measures regarding such goods and their packing.

1688th plenary meeting,
22 May 1970.

1743 (LIV). International carriage of dangerous goods and their identification and marking

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the need to establish standards of safety in the transport of goods, particularly in view of the widespread introduction of unitization and containerization of cargoes, so as to comprehend as part of the total world transportation system those commodities posing a danger to the persons engaged in their transport and to the human environment,

Considering that the various existing systems of identification, classification and labelling of dangerous goods, each of which apparently is unique to its particular mode of transport, whether road, rail, air, marine or inland water transport, do not lend themselves to an effective functioning of an integrated intermodal transport system,

Recalling the work already done in this respect by the Economic and Social Council under its resolution 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, and its application to maritime transport made by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization in its resolution A.81 (IV),

Recalling also recommendation 71 of the Action Plan adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment 8/ on the release to the environment of toxic or dangerous substances,

Noting with approval resolution 5 on intermodal carriage of dangerous goods and their identification and marking 9/ adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

1. Invites the international organizations concerned to foster the adoption of a single system of identification, classification and labelling of dangerous goods at the earliest practicable opportunity;

2. Requests the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

(a) To continue to investigate the divergencies currently existing in the modal practices applicable to the transport of dangerous goods in respect of their classification, identification, labelling and packaging;

(b) To report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of its investigations and recommendations concerning the steps that should be taken with a view to bringing about uniformity in the various modes;

3. Requests Governments and the international organizations concerned to co-operate with and assist the Committee of Experts in its investigation to the fullest possible extent.

1854th plenary meeting,
4 May 1973.

8/ See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap.II.

9/ See E/CONF.59/44.

1744 (LIV). Transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that dangerous goods account for an increasingly large proportion of international trade,

Noting the growth in the number of new substances appearing on the market and the advance in transport techniques,

Taking into account that the intermodal carriage of these goods necessitates thorough harmonization of the rules governing the various modes of carriage,

Conscious that the carriage of such goods in complete safety needs to be ensured without the development of this important trade being thereby hampered,

Noting the attention paid to the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods 10/ by Governments which implement them in the form of national regulations and by international organizations whose regulations are modelled on or incorporate them,

Noting that the work of the Committee of Experts must advance at a pace matching that of technical progress so as to be able to meet the needs of Governments and of the international organizations concerned,

Recalling its resolution 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, and 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970,

Noting the programme of work for 1973-1974 proposed by the Committee of Experts, 11/

1. Commends the experts and rapporteurs on their excellent work;

2. Decides to add to the terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods the grouping of dangerous goods along the lines indicated in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 5 of resolution 1488 (XLVIII);

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the report by the Committee of Experts on its seventh session: 12/

(a) To amend the recommendations of the Committee of Experts in accordance with the proposals contained in its report on its seventh session and to publish the amendments so adopted in the form of a supplement to the recommendations;

10/ See Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.70.VIII.2), vols.I-IV.

11/ See E/5241, para.24.

12/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/49 and Add.1.

(b) To circulate the aforesaid supplement to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to the other international organizations concerned;

(c) To take the measures necessary at the Secretariat level to enable the work called for under the programme of work proposed by the Committee of Experts to be prepared;

(d) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and of its subsidiary bodies in the light of the programme of work;

(e) To publish the illustrated glossary in the English and French versions approved by the Committee of Experts and in Spanish, Russian and Chinese;

4. Invites Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to inform him, if possible, within six months following the receipt of the supplement containing the amendments adopted by the Committee of Experts, to what extent the recommendations will be applied.

1854th plenary meeting,
4 May 1973.

1973 (LIX). Further steps to be taken concerning the transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959 and 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970 concerning the composition of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods,

Recalling its resolution 1743 (LIV) of 4 May 1973 concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods and their identifications and marking,

Noting that dangerous goods account for an increasingly large proportion of international trade,

Conscious that the transport of such goods in complete safety needs to be ensured in a manner which will not hamper either the development of this important trade or the participation of developing countries,

Reaffirming that the intermodal transport of such goods necessitates thorough harmonization of the rules governing the various modes of transport,

Noting the concern expressed by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in its report to the Economic and Social Council pursuant to

Council resolution 1743 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 61/ that, when the same problems are considered by different groups, they may be given solutions that are scarcely compatible and that are therefore likely to impede harmonization, 62/

Taking note of the observations of the Committee of Experts in that report concerning the divergencies currently existing in the modal practices applicable to the transport of dangerous goods in respect of their classification, identification, labelling and packaging and on the steps that should be taken with a view to bringing about uniformity in the various modes of transport,

Considering the work of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group for a Convention on Intermodal Transport, established in pursuance of Council resolution 1734 (LIV) of 10 January 1973,

Considering also resolution No.1 adopted by the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, with a view to the drafting of a self-contained international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport, as well as the discussions which took place during the eighth session of the Committee of Experts, 63/

1. Requests the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, taking into consideration the real capabilities of the developing countries, to pursue its efforts in particular in two areas: that of giving the recommendations of the Committee of Experts 64/ more scope and depth and that of strengthening the harmonization on the bases that have now been laid,

2. Also requests the Committee of Experts to study, in consultation with other bodies concerned, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the regional commissions, the possibility of a joint approach to the drafting of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport which would take into account the general scope of a future convention on international intermodal transport, and to report to the Economic and Social Council the results of its study,

3. Urges Governments of Member States and the international organizations concerned to support the efforts of the Committee of Experts, in particular by giving appropriate instructions to their representatives on the various bodies concerned at the international or at the regional or subregional level,

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61/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/56, transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5620.

62/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/56, para.60.

63/ See E/CN.2/CONF.5/57.

64/ See Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.70.VIII.2), vol.I-IV, and Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.VIII.2).

4. Decides to enlarge the composition of the Committee of Experts by adding five members from developing countries, so as to ensure the adequate participation of such countries, and for this purpose requests the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with Governments concerned as soon as possible, in order that they may nominate the experts to be appointed.

1978th plenary meeting,
30 July 1973.

1974 (LIX). Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970 and 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973,

Recalling also recommendations 71 and 75 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, 65/

Noting with satisfaction the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods,

Noting in particular the programme of work for 1975-1976 proposed by the Committee of Experts in paragraphs 143 to 147 of its report on its eighth session, 66/

1. Commends the experts and rapporteurs for their excellent work;

2. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its eighth session;

3. Takes note also of the fact that the Committee of Experts intends to enter into discussions with the United Nations Environment Programme about the role of the Committee of Experts in the prevention of pollution;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To incorporate in the recommendations of the Committee of Experts 67/ the amendments as set forth in the report of the Committee of Experts on its eighth session;

65/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.A.14), chap.II.

66/ E/CN.2/CONF.5/57.

67/ See Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.70.VIII.2), vol.I-IV, and Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.VIII.2).

(b) To recast the recommendations in accordance with the new structure proposed by the Committee of Experts and to secure the services of a consultant for this purpose;

(c) To publish the recommendations, as amended, in a printed form in order to reduce the number of volumes and to ensure legibility;

(d) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the other international organizations concerned;

(e) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and of its subsidiary bodies in the light of the programme of work;

5. Invites Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to indicate to what extent they will be applied.

1978th plenary meeting,
30 July 1975.

1975 (LIX). Transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the further work done by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the establishment of adequate packaging standards for the conveyance of dangerous goods by all modes of transport,

Recognizing the efforts already made by the international organizations to ensure adequate packaging standards for the conveyance of dangerous goods,

Recalling in particular that packaged goods carried by sea and air are normally conveyed by other modes of transport at some stage of their journey and that conflicting requirements hamper trad ,

1. Recommends that the international organizations concerned should, in drawing up their requirements, take into account the standards recommended by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, with due regard to the needs of other modes of transport concerned;

2. Urges Governments of Member States, in the interests of harmonizing packaging requirements, particularly for Classes 3-9 in the recommendations of the Committee of Experts, 68/ to accept, as providing an adequate physical standard

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68/ See Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.70.VIII.2), vol.I-IV, and Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.VIII.2).

of safety for journeys to and from airports and seaports, packagings which meet the requirements of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization or the International Air Transport Association, to the extent that such packagings comply with or exceed the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

3. Invites Governments of Member States to take appropriate steps for the application of adequate packaging standards for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea and air, based in principle on the regulations of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, or the International Air Transport Association, to the extent that such packagings meet or exceed the recommendations of the Committee of Experts.

1978th plenary meeting,
30 July 1975.

2050 (LXII). Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 7 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973 and its resolutions 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Noting the programme of work for 1977-1978 proposed by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in paragraphs 143 to 145 of its report on its ninth session, 1/

Noting also the views of the Committee of Experts on a study of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport as set out in the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

2. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its ninth session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts:

1/ ST/SG/AC.10/2.

2/ E/5916, para.7.

(a) To incorporate in the recommendations prepared by the Committee of Experts 3/ the amendments set forth in the report of the Committee on its ninth session; 4/

(b) To publish the amendments so adopted;

(c) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the other international organizations concerned;

4. Invites Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to indicate to what extent they will be applied, and requests the Secretary-General to transmit these observations to the Committee of Experts for consideration at its tenth session;

5. Invites the Committee of Experts, in consultation with other bodies concerned, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the regional commissions, to continue its study of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport, taking into account the special problems, if any, of developing countries, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to convene sufficient meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies to permit satisfactory progress to be made on outstanding tasks and to this end requests the Secretary-General to convene in 1979 additional meetings of the Group of Rapporteurs consisting of a total of 10 working days in preparation for the Group's report to the Committee at its eleventh session to be held in 1980;

7. Decides that any member of the Committee of Experts may participate and vote in the work of that Committee's subsidiary bodies, if he notifies the Secretariat of his intention to do so.

234th plenary meeting,
5 May 1977.

3/ Transport of Dangerous Goods (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.76.VIII.2).

4/ See ST/SG/AC.10/2, annexes 1-13.